CLARY'S GROCERY

William Clary, brother of John Clary, the first settler in Menard County and founder of Clary's Grove five miles west of New Salem, built a "grocery" about 1830. This was the town saloon, and was operated as such until 1833, when Clary migrated to Texas. It continued to serve as the meeting place of the rougher element for a short time, with a new proprietor, and later was abandoned.

Historic New Salem State Park is located near Petersburg on Highways 97 and 123 about 17 miles northwest of Springfield, Illinois.

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